

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

NO! This Project is really being expedited at a very rapid pace for some unknown reason to the public. Why are we not investigating other methods to produce this power, we supposedly need. I know we have experts in the field of producing electricity and know if these transmission lines are the only option we have. Why are we not listening and exploring these other ideas.

I-288-001

I-288-002

We seem to get all our information about the need for this project (FROM the people who ARE selling it). Do you believe they would say we don't need the lines. This is their income & what they sell. Like a Dairy Farmer telling you to drink less milk. We need to listen to other ideas & please tell us how to reach you. Then do what is best!

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-288-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-288-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

FARM 272 T2142 T104 R4 Sect 17 LACROSSE
Our house built in 1994, was built away from existing Roadways, Power lines & etc. to be isolated on a ridge facing LaCrosse, LaCrosse for the million dollar view. People who choose to build next to Roadways w/ power lines already there, expect ~~noise~~ ^{noise}. This proposed line will cut across the view we built ~~for~~ for. Doesn't make good sense for access & maintenance of these proposed lines. There are existing fields along Roadways which would make much more sense to build next to.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

would still have them on my land, but not right next to me. Why ~~et~~ not look at Pfeiffer Valley and get the pipe below the sky line.

The existing proposed path cuts North to South across that ridge which will be highly visible to all the people living in LaCrosse, only to cross the Highway & travel back North past the whole town of LaCrosse again, then to head to LaCrosse. Far from a straight path these power lines will go about 2/3 around the town.

wouldn't it make more sense to ~~put~~ ^{not} these lines through a less populated area. Wouldn't some farmer up North with land and no one around him have the money to build...

I-288-003

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project as well as potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-288-004

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-288-005

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? All of them

I still never get any mailings - Although I keep signing up.
Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting. Why???

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project